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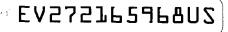
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Enclosed herewith for filing a Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the Specification, including 10 claims, 6 sheets of formal drawings, Declaration and Power of Attorney, of Timothy Robert Richards, Kevin Lee Burnworth, Robert John Danforth III, Tao Song, Karl Eric Sundkvist, for TREAD NOISE IMPROVEMENT BY MODULATING GROOVE RESONANCE FREQUENCY.

Also enclosed is Disclosure 37 CFR §1.56 with Form PTO-1449 and copies of the cited references.

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Respectfully submitted,

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